

MUSIC IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Indians Dwell There Who Are Adepts on Reed Flutes and Pandean Pipes.

In the remains of the vast Indian nation shattered by Pizarro, the empire of the Incas, every man and boy, almost from the age where he can walk, is an adept on the simple reed flutes and Pandean pipes, says Harper's Magazine. They are a musical race; there are songs and airs for each season, for the planting, for the harvest, for the valorous deeds of the vanished caudillos, for their gods of old to whom a new significance has been imposed by a pious church, and the long drawn chants by means of which, at their yearly gatherings, they pass down the history of their race. As there is no written language, there is no written music; it is handed down from generation to generation by the ear alone.

Their national instruments are but three in number: the flute—a reed about 18 inches in length, with six holes, and a square slit at the end for a mouthpiece, played after the manner of a clarinet; the Pandean pipe—a series of seven reed tubes that, in the large ones, are four feet in length, and in the smaller ones scarcely as many inches; and the drum. The last is the universal instrument of all peoples; there are few races so low in the scale of human society as not to possess it. The Pandean pipes are in a double row, and at the time of preparation for the Indians, or the inter-tribal wars, the outer series is filled with canassa, the native liquor, and the player receives the benefit of the intoxicating fumes without the delay incidental to drinking from the bottle.

CHANGED WORLD'S HISTORY

Story of the Beard of a Moslem Chief Which Figured in Ancient Warfare.

The most striking case in history of the importance of trifles is furnished by the story of Musa, the leader of the Moslem host which won from Christendom in three and a half years' dominions which it took the soldiers of the cross 20 generations to win back. He had a red beard. This was a trifle.

Musa, though a very great general, was a very vain man, and he dyed his beard black. This was another trifle. One of his captains chafed him on the subject, and Musa forthwith had him stripped and scourged. For this, at the very height of his conquering career, Musa was recalled by the caliph and disgraced. This made it impossible for him to command the Moslem army at the battle of Tours, on the issue of which, as all historians agree, the destinies of Europe and perhaps of the whole human race depended.

It is almost certain that if the genius of Musa had replaced the incompetence of the half dozen tribal leaders whose dissensions made victory impossible, the forces of Islam would have joined hands from the west to the east and inclosed Europe in their grasp.

THE NEW FOOTBALL GAME.

Adopting New Set of Rules Might Have a Tendency to Refine and Harmonize It.

The press generally has favorably commented upon Dr. Rhees' remark that those who play football "will have to play it as gentlemen or the game will have to go." Perhaps, says "West Pocket Confidences," in Four-Track News, every man has a different idea of what constitutes a gentleman, but in polite daily intercourse the man who collides with another without apologizing would not be considered entitled to the appellation.

Ergo, when football players, as gentlemen, but into one another they must stop, bow, apologize and remark: "After you."

If one player jumps on another player's chest, and breaks a few ribs, he must quickly step off and remark: "I beg your pardon!"

If, when about to kick off, the kicker should observe one of his opponents in danger of being hit by the ball, the least he could do, if he would claim to be a gentleman, would be to stop long enough to call "fore!"

But if the game were played in this gentlemanly way, it is barely possible it would lose some of its exciting interest and popularity.

Philadelphia Nomenclature.

A young woman from Philadelphia was visiting in this city recently. When asked what she would like for breakfast, she replied: "A few half-smokes and a plate of fitch are delightful. We have them once a week at home." Her hostess was puzzled by the unexpected answer. "Half-smokes and fitch" she had never heard of, but from the tone of her guest they evidently were palatable dishes. "O, yes, I forgot that you use different names for half-smokes and fitch here," said the young woman, when asked to be explicit. "I think you call them frankfurters and bacon here."—N. Y. Post.

Sex Among Writers.

Women novel writers are sometimes supposed to be more numerous than men novel writers, but in a recent competition for a prize novel the numbers of men and women authors almost exactly balanced.

Presidents Kissed.

According to custom President Fallieres of France kissed retiring President Loubet just after his election and was himself kissed by the latter's friends.

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THE STEREOTYPED SMILE.

Man Wearing a Castiron Smirk a Conspicuous Feature of Philadelphia Suburb.

Many daily travelers on a morning and evening train to and from one of Philadelphia's suburbs have noticed for a number of years a man, now past middle age, who wears a perfect smirk. This man no doubt thinks he is smiling and looking pleasant but the smile is so purely mechanical—a mere contraction of the muscles, eked out with an enormous effort—that the fixed, set smile is wholly unpleasant and repellent. He is known as the man with the stereotyped grin, says the Philadelphia Ledger.

It so happens that the man with the castiron smirk has written several essays on the duty of being cheerful and of irradiating pleasantness in daily life. He is a sociologist and reformer, and has in mind several beneficent schemes for the right ordering of the universe; but his wife cannot live with him; his brothers have quarreled with him and his sister and his daughter-in-law do not speak to him. He started in life with a good idea—"drill your thoughts, shut out the gloomy and call in the bright"—but he failed to put it into practice, because his smile and his pleasantness are merely on the surface, while his heart action is defective.

Almost everyone must have noticed among his acquaintances a certain number who, in their casual greetings on the street, use the mechanical smile. The muscles of the lower face are contracted with evident effort. The sudden relaxation of the muscles discloses a blank face, which, by reason of the quick transition, leaves a most unwholesome, forbidding impression just the opposite of the intention of the superficially polite countenance. A sensitive man with genuine feeling would much rather be sworn at than greeted with that kind of a smile.

THE PITTSBURG MAN WINS.

Puts It All Over the Western Liars and Fills Them with Envy.

It was while the newspaper men and their railway escorts from the Los Angeles limited were on their way by special trolley car to Baldwin's ranch, relates the Minneapolis Tribune, away to the left 15 or 20 miles, distance is so deceiving in California, were the sharp outlines of the San Bernardino mountains. Quoth a man from Pittsburgh: "O, see that man over there on top of that mountain!"

"To be sure! That guy with red whiskers, near the big rock," came back the Kansas City man.

"He's got a dog with him, a little fox terrier, too," was the way it struck the Denver Post man.

"See that fly on the dog's left ear?" innocently asked the Cincinnati Times-Star man.

The first speaker, the man from Pittsburgh, nervously himself for a mighty effort. "Do you notice," he observed, critically, "that the fly has only one wing?" and he looked around the car with an expression of "I guess that'll hold you awhile" on his face. Disgust was on the faces of the others. "Ah, d—m a liar anyhow," muttered the Kansas City man, and the rest of the bunch couldn't think of anything to say quick enough. Pittsburgh had won.

THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN.

Has Yielded But Little Since the Great Battle That Made It Famous.

It is somewhat singular that the average reader knows but little of the peninsula of Virginia, that historic tongue of land lying between the York and James rivers. Years ago, says a writer in Four-Track News, it became the storm center of stirring events, and to-day, aside from its picturesque and its fish and oysters, it is dear to every American. Up and down this narrow strip of territory, especially between Yorktown and Williamsburg, marched the "ragged continentals" in their last glorious campaign for freedom. . . . The quaintness of Yorktown has yielded but little since the one event that rendered it famous for all time. It was once, but that was more than a century ago, the rival of Williamsburg, then Virginia's capital, and it had hopes of unlimited greatness, but to-day it is a straggling village of 150 souls, though honored far and near. In this connection it is told of an English officer who recently visited Yorktown, that, after inspecting the scene of the capitulation, he remarked that he didn't blame Cornwallis for surrendering "the blasted place."

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"The collector, red in the face but hopeful on the whole, complied. He retired to the hall and sent in his card with all formality. 'The clubman, eating steadily, received the card on a silver tray. He studied it gravely. Then he said to the waiter: 'Not in.'"

KOREA "UNDER THE YOKE."

Assumption of the Reins of Government by the Victorious Japanese.

Nations are like variable stars. While some are waxing into brilliancy or flashing into sudden prominence others are waning and burning out, says Youth's Companion. Norway becomes a separate entity, with its own king and its separate government; Finland regains its lost liberties; and at the same time the gorgeous and prodigious empire of Korea "passes under the yoke," as the Romans used to say. The establishment of a Japanese protectorate over Korea was not unexpected. For two years the fact has existed, although the fiction of independence was maintained. The Japanese were most familiar with conditions in the peninsula as the outcome of the Japanese victory and of his agents to establish his supremacy reforms have been met by verbal acquiescence but actual opposition. The last resort was the removal of the Japanese from the peninsula and the open assumption of the reins of government by the Japanese.

NOON HOUR IS THE NINTH

Change of the Word's Meaning Dates Back to Days of the Monks.

"Not many people know that what is celebrated as noon was originally at three p. m. The reason for the change is interesting," said a Columbia university philologist the other day. "Noon, or 'noones,' as it was then known, was the hour at which the monks said their 'noones,' which were prayers at the ninth hour, or three o'clock. The monks reckoned time from the time of eating breakfast at six o'clock a. m. That was the beginning of their day. The monks were not permitted to eat their dinner until after they had said their 'noones.' This was a long time for men who had so much time to think of eating. They were all very hungry at three o'clock. By and by some of them cut the time a little short—prayed a little earlier. As the time went on they clipped off enough time to bring the eating hour in its proper place, at mid-day, and 'noones' became 12 o'clock instead of three, even though it meant the ninth hour."

Land of Original Blackmail.

England, according to Justice Phillips, enjoys in some foreign countries the reputation of being the home of the blackmailer. Certainly Great Britain was at least the land of the original "blackmail," the "mail" rent or tribute paid on the Anglo-Scottish and Highland 12 acres by farmers to freeholders in return for immunity from their visitations. As first, and a similar institution was in vogue in a "black rent." The old word "mail" meaning rent, and coming either from the Anglo-Saxon "maet" a portion, or the old French "maite" a half-pay, is quite a different word from the postal "mail," which is simply "mail" a bag. To Coke and Blackstone "blackmail" had an innocent significance, meaning rent paid in labor or produce, as opposed to "white rent" paid in "white money," silver.—N. Y. Globe.

Lee's Birthday.

Georgia, Virginia and other southern states have made a legal holiday of en. Robert E. Lee's birthday. The famous general of the confederate armies is idealized and idolized in a number of southern states. It is declared, even more than Jefferson Davis, the president of the confederacy.

Profanity as a Curative.

The theory is now being advanced by a continental doctor that the fact that ladies are not allowed to swear is responsible for a vast majority of the attacks of nerves from which the gentle sex suffers, and it is suggested that expletives should be taught at every girls' school.

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